Assessment of working of Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act

1012. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the working of Bonded Labour (Aboli tion) Act:

(b) what is the number of boneded labour identified so far, State-wise;

(c) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe bonded labourers, State-wise; and

(d) the progress and steps taken to re-habilitate the bonded labourers during the past two years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Yefe, Sir.

(b) to (d) Based on the information furnished by the State Governments, two statements indicating the number of bonded labour identified and rehabilitated, and the other indicating the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe bonded labour identified are placed at Statement I and II respectively *(See below).* Point No. S of New 20-Point Programme of 1986, *inter alia* envisages full implementation of laws relating to abolition of bonded labour system. Annual and quar. terly targets are: fixed for rehabilitation. Progress is monitored every month and suitable instructions are issued to the State Governments where the progress is found inadequate. A New Plan Scheme for in-volvement of voluntary agencies in identi-fication and rehabilitation of bonded labour has also been introduced.

Statement

Number ai Bonded Labour identified, released and rehabilitated (position lias on 31.3.1988)

Name of the State	Number of Bonded Labourers	
	Id lentified and Released	Reha-bilitated
1. Andhra Pradesh.	33,954	23,552
2. Bihar	12,338	11,465
3. Kamataka	62,689	51,222
4. Madhya Pradesh	7,486	5,489
5. Maharashtra	988	875
6. Orissa	47,326	41,483
7. Rajasthan	7,037	6,910
8. Tamil Nadu	26,827	34,468
9. Uttar Pradesh .	25,211	25,211
10. Gujarat	54	64
11. Haryana	429	21
12. Kerala .	823	8?3
TOTAL	2,35,670	2,01,583

Statement—II

Number of scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe bonded labour identified

Name of the State	Position	Identifiec !	
		Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Trile
1. Andhra Pradesh	31-3-88	*15,444*	934
2. Bihar	31-3-87	7,676	1313
3. Gujarat	31-3-88	37	20
4. Kerala	*31-3-88*	36	786
5. Orissa	*31-3-88*	*13,278*	*18,881*
6. Tamil Nadu .	31-12-87	*1,342*	*1,088*
7. Uttar Pradesh .		17,917	6,033
8. Karnataka		44,821	2,482